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Report Highlights:

The EU approved emergency measures to stop the imports of hot chili containing the carcinogenic "Sudan Red 1".

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The Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health agreed on June 17, 2003 to take emergency measures proposed by the European Commission to stop the import in the EU of hot chili products containing "Sudan red 1". Sudan red 1 is not naturally found in food. It is a chemical dye and is not permitted in food. It has been classified as a carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer. In May France found it on imports from India. France immediately took protective interim measures and informed the Commission through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed.

Following the decision to extend protective measures to the whole EU, Member States must ensure that imports of crushed or ground hot chili are tested to ensure that Sudan red 1 is not present.

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